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ARRIVAL STATEMENTS IN RIYADH, TRANSCRIPT OF MINISTER OF STATE
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OMAR SAQQAF'S REPORT WELCOMING STATEMENT

DEPT PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT AND ZIEGLER

STATEMENT BY SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER

QUOTE I HAVE BEEN ASKED BY PRESIDENT NIXON TO CALL ON HIS MAJESTY
KING FAISAL, AND ALSO TO REPORT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER ABOUT THE
DISENGAGEMENT TALKS BETWEEN SYRIA AND ISRAEL. THE UNITED STATES AT-
TACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THESE
TALKS..

AND WE HAVE MADE SOME PROGRESS. WE ATTACH VERY GREAT IMPORTANCE
TO THE VIEWS OF HIS MAJESTY, OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SAUDI ARABIA,
AND I EXPECT TO HAVE A FULL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH HIM.

IN ADDITION WE PLAN TO DISCUSS IN SOME DETAIL THE
COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SAUDI ARABIA AND THE UNITED STATES
THAT WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING IN THE ECONOMIC AND

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TECHNICAL FIELDS. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOREIGN MINISTER FOR HIS CHARACTERISTICLY WARM RECEPTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. UNQUOTE

STATEMENT BY HE OMAR SQQAF

IT GIVES ME PLEASURE TO FIRST OF ALL THANK HIS EXCELLENCY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, DR. HENRY KISSINGER, FOR THE NICE WORDS HE HAS JUST UTTERED AND ALSO IT GIVES ME PLEASURE AND IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO WELCOME HIM ON BEHALF OF HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT TO THIS COUNTRY. WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE CONCERN CONSISTENTLY SHOWN BY PRESIDENT NIXON AND HIS INTEREST IN SEEING A SOLUTION TO THE NEAR EASTERN PROBLEM. WE ALSO APPRECIATE GREATLY THE FACT THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN FIT TO SEND HIS SECRETARY OF STATE, OUR FRIEND, HENRY, DR. HENRY KISSINGER, NEEDLESS TO SAY, TO COME HERE AND CONVEY TO US THE VIEWS AND EXCHANGE IN A COOPERATIVE MANNER TOWARDS THE SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM.

AT THE RISK OF REPEATING MYSELF, IT GIVES ME PLEASURE TO SAY IT AGAIN, ANYWAY, THAT FROM THE FIRST MOMENT I HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING DR. KISSINGER, I SENSED IN HIM INTEGRITY, STRAIGHTFORWARDNESS-, AND TRUTHFULNESS TO HIS WORD. FROM THE FIRST I WAS CONVINCED THAT HE MEANS WHAT HE SAYS AND HE IS STRIVING VERY HARD TOWARDS THE SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM IN COOPERATION

WITH ALL CONCERNED. WE CERTAINLY APPRECIATE AND KNOW, FOR A FACT, WHAT AN ARDUOUS TASK IT MUST BE, THIS GOING AND COMING, THIS SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY, SO TO SPEAK, AND IN FACT WE ARE DOUBLY SURPRISED PARTICULARLY IN THE CASE OF HIS EXCELLENCY, SECRETARY OF STATE, BECAUSE A MAN WHO CONDUCTS THIS KIND OF DIPLOMACY, STAYING AWAY SO OFTEN BEFORE THE END OF HIS HONEYMOON, IS REALLY ASTOUNDING. THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, HEADED BY HIS MAJESTY KING FAISAL, AND IN THE NAME OF ITS PEOPLE, RELECTING THE WISHES AND THE DESIRES OF ITS PEOPLE, CHERISH NOTHING BUT AMITY AND FRIENDLINESS FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THAT IS WHY NOT ONLY ARE WE DESIROUS OF, BUT WE CERTAINLY ARE WORKING HARD TOWARDS THE CEMENTING AND STRENGTHENING OF GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

OF COURSE WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THIS WILL HAPPEN, AND WE ARE STRIVING HARD TOWARDS ITS HAPPENING. BUT WE ARE NOT FOOLING OURSELVES TO THINK THAT IT WILL HAPPEN IMMEDIATELY, IT WILL ONLY UNCLASSIFIED

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HAPPEN AFTER WE HAVE THE UPPER HAND OVER THOSE ELEMENTS WHO DO NOT WISH A SOLUTION. IN SPITE OF ALL THIS WE ARE REALLY WORKING HARD ON TWO FRONTS. ONCE AGAIN I WELCOME OUR VERY DEAR

FRIEND, AND I WAS VERY PLEASED TO HEAR, ALBEIT IT IN AN ASIDE
THAT THE DISCUSSIONS HAVE ACHIEVED SOME KING OF
PROGRESS. IN THANKING AGAIN OUR GUEST, DR. KISSINGER, I WOULD LIKE
TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT HIS NEXT VISIT TO OUR COUNTRY WILL BE FOR
PURE PLEASURE, TO COME AND BE OUR GUEST, AND RELAX. THAT WILL HAPPEN
WE HOPE, AND WE TRUST IN GOD, WHEN PEACE AND JUSTICE WILL HAVE
REIGNED, WHEN HE WILL HAVE HAD HIS EFFORTS AND THOSE OF OTHERS
CROWNED WITH SUCCESS. WE SAY THIS IN ALL SINCERITY, REFLECTING THE
FEELINGS OF THE ARAB PEOPLE, WHO HAVE, AS YOU ALL KNOW, ALWAYS
HAD EXTREMELY WARM FEELINGS TOWARD THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICAN, WHO HAVE ALWAYS APPRECIATED THE VALUES FOR WHICH THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN STOOD--NAMELY, FREEDOM AND DECENT VALUES,
DECENCY. IF I MAY ADD A FINAL REMARK, IT IS, THAT AS YOU ALL KNOW,
OR PERHAPS SHOULD KNOW, THE MOSLEM PEOPLE HOLD ON TENACIOUSLY TO
THEIR RELIGIOUS VALUES. THEY WOULD NOT BE SWAYED ONE IOTA, ONE
HAIR'S BREDTH, FROM THE RIGHTEOUS PATH, FROM THE TEACHINGS OF ISLAM
AND THE MESSAGE THAT THEPRPHET MOHAMMAD CONVEYED FROM GOD TO THE
PEOPLE OF ISLAM. I WISH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SHOULD, WOULD KNOW THIS.
SOME OF THEM DO, I WISH THEM ALL WOULD KNOW THIS BECAUSE THIS WOULD
MAKE FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND BETTER REL
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